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before you is to approve the report of the Committee on Credentials. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The report is adopted. Exercising my prerogative as presiding officer, I would invite your attention to items 7 and 11 on your agenda. Rather than a committee of five, that number will be six. In item 11, the committee number will also be changed from five to six. At this time, the Chair recognizes Senator Janssen for a motion.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President, I move that a committee of six be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the members of the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The motion before you is to select a committee of six to escort the Chief Justice. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair appoints the following senators: Senator Brown, Senator Cornett, Senator Fischer, Senator Howard, Senator Redfield, Senator Schimek. Will the named senators please retire to the Clerk of the Supreme Court's Office to escort the Chief Justice. Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escoling the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Hendry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Gavel) The Chair recognizes the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY: Thank you. First, let me say that I am honored to be invited by the Legislature into its Chamber to administer the oath to the reelected and newly-elected members of this body. When I call your name, would you please come forward to the...in front of the podium, as I will administer the oath collectively. (Called names of senators to be administered oath of office. Oath of office administered, Legislative Journal page 5.) Congratulations. (Applause)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The committee will now escort the Chief Justice from the Chamber. The Chair recognizes Senator Hudkins